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THE STATUS IN VENEZUELA.

New York, Dec. 17.—Secretary Hay has cabled to Ambassador Tower at Berlin, says the World's correspondent at Washington, to ask the German Government to define for this country exactly what is meant by "peaceful blockade."

The dispatch was couched in the suavest of diplomatic language, but it was insistent that Germany should reply.

This inquiry was decided upon at a Cabinet meeting, where it was discussed fully.

Although it has not yet been put into public expression this Government contends that there is no such thing as a "peaceful blockade."

If a state of war does not exist, this Government will contend, at the proper time, that United States ships must be allowed to pass.

The test will come when the Red D. line steamer, Caracas, arrives at La Guayra, probably next Saturday. If that ship goes through, as it is expected it will, other ships from other Nations will also demand to go through and the "peaceful blockade" will become a farce.

If Germany insists on its right to blockade peacefully and refuse to let American ships through, then Admiral Dewey's fleet will be sent to Venezuela to convoy the American ships through the German and English lines.

Admiral Dewey has been told to keep his fleet together. The reason this Government makes this demand of Germany is because it has in writing, in black and white, the fullest statement of Germany's intentions in Venezuela. It has no such statement from England. The diplomats of that country were shrewd enough to make only a verbal statement of intent.

The administration is waiting Germany's answer with some anxiety.

The situation is now more critical than it has been since the trouble began.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Germany considers that President Castro's proposal to arbitrate is inadequate, unaccompanied, as it is, by guarantees to pay if the arbitrators again decide against him, and a reply in that sense has been, or will be, sent through Minister Bowen. Great Britain will make a similar answer. These statements are not made officially, but are arrived at from an excellent source.

San Jose (Costa Rica), Dec. 17.—The Costa Rican Government will not discuss the Venezuelan situation, but it can be said on good authority that the Ministers favor President Castro's attitude.

Public feeling here is bitter against the British and German action. The United States is much criticised and the Monroe doctrine is ridiculed. Finally, President Castro is looked upon as setting good example to Spanish-America.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Consul-General of Venezuela in this city today received the following cablegram:

"Caracas, Dec. 17.—Bankers, bar, commerce, society and clergy, constituted in Committee, approve the Government's attitude and offer President Castro their aid unreservedly.

(Signed.) "FORRES CARDENAS,
"Secretary to the President."

Caracas, Dec. 17.—General Hernandez, the revolutionary leader whom President Castro had released from prison, reached Caracas at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was received at the railroad station with great enthusiasm by 1500 of his partisans, who tried to unharness the horses attached to his carriage and themselves draw the General in his triumph.

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